

THE OPENING PRESIDENTIAL CANVASS.

UNION NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

CALL FOR THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

It is to meet in Baltimore on the Seventh of June.

The Action of Various States on the Presidential Question.

Expressions in Favor of Abraham Lincoln.

WASHINGTON, Monday, Feb. 22, 1864.

The Union National Committee met at the residence of the Hon. Edwin D. Morgan at noon today, and was called to order by that gentleman as Chairman.

The Hon. Edward McPherson of Pennsylvania was elected Secretary of the Committee in place of the Hon. George G. Fogg of New Hampshire, who is absent from the country.

Upon consultation, a call was unanimously adopted for a National Convention in the following terms:

"The undersigned, who, by original appointment or subsequent designation to fill vacancies, constitute the Executive Committee created by the National Convention held at Chicago on the 10th day of May, 1860, do hereby call upon all qualified voters, who desire the unconditional maintenance of the Union, the supremacy of the Constitution, and the complete suppression of the Rebellion, with the cause thereof, by vigorous war, and all apt and efficient means, to send delegates to a Convention to assemble at Baltimore on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, 1864, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of presenting candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States. Each State having a Representative in Congress will be entitled to as many delegates as shall be equal to twice the number of electors to which such State is entitled in the Electoral College of the United States."

A resolution was also adopted inviting the Territories and the District of Columbia to send delegates, subject to the determination by the Convention of their right to vote.

The Committee agreed to meet again at the call of the Chairman.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Edwin D. Morgan of New York, President; Messrs. Edmund B. Morgan of New York, Secretary; Messrs. Thomas C. Brainerd of Rhode Island, George W. Fogg of New Hampshire, George G. Fogg of New Hampshire, Edward McPherson of Pennsylvania, Nathaniel B. Smith of Delaware, James P. Wagner of Maryland, Thomas Spooner of Ohio, Henry C. Lane of Indiana, Ebenezer Cook of Illinois, R. M. Hurd of Iowa, William D. Washburn of Minnesota, Cornelius Cole of California, O. H. Irish of Nebraska, Joseph Gerhardt of the District of Columbia.

The Committee was entirely harmonious in their proceedings, and adjourned in the best possible spirits.

IN NEW-HAMPSHIRE:

The Republican State Convention, which met at Concord on the 6th inst., and nominated Gov. Gilmore for reelection, after paying a high compliment to the ability and success wherewith Gov. Chase has managed the National Finances, unanimously and enthusiastically

Resolved, That ABRAHAM LINCOLN, by the exercise, during the severest trials and most dangerous crisis in the nation's history, of unswerving sagacity and steady courage, has shown to be the highest wisdom, by his spotless integrity of personal character, above reproach and unimpeachable, and by his slowy-formed, yet unalterable determination, that the triumph of the Union and the Union over secession and rebellion shall be the final triumph of liberty throughout the nation, has received and merited the highest confidence and approval of the people of this State, and that the best interests of the country demand that the complete destruction of the Rebellion, and the restoration of peace, property and the Union, should be achieved under his administration; and that we, therefore, regard his reelection to the office of President of the United States, and his administration, as the people's choice for reelection to the Presidency in 1864.

IN CONNECTICUT:

By the Union State Convention, held at Hartford, Feb. 17th inst., it was unanimously

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IN PENNSYLVANIA: All the Union War Members of both Houses of the Pennsylvania Legislature now in session have united in a letter to President LINCOLN, expressing the warmest and fullest approbation of his official conduct, concluding as follows:

"And while we, the representatives of the great majority of the masses of the Commonwealth, thus avow our confidence and reliance in your official action and capacity, we may feel that we are responding to the clearly-expressed preferences of these masses, and that Pennsylvania would have your reelection as the emblem of complete victory to the Government. Expressing further, that you are the language, not only of our own constituents, but also of all the people of the State, we claim to inaugurate the expectation that you will yield to the preference which has already made you the People's Candidate for President in 1864."

The National Union Club of Philadelphia has passed resolutions in substantial accordance with the above.

IN MARYLAND:

It has been, by a large majority in either House,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Administration of ABRAHAM LINCOLN deserves and receives the hearty approval and will secure the cordial cooperation of the General Assembly.

That the General Assembly approves the policy of the Administration in the conduct of the War, and especially on the subject of the restoration of the seceded States.

That it approves of the Amnesty Proclamation of the President, and of the conditions therein laid down, as wise, necessary, practicable, and essential to the future safety of the country; and that the General Assembly desires that the President should be authorized to issue a Proclamation of the United States to the earnest desire of a vast majority of the loyal people of Maryland.

The Union State Convention yesterday passed resolutions in substantial accordance with the above.

IN MINNESOTA:

The present Legislature of this State has, by a large majority,

Resolved, That we have great confidence in the sterling patriotism, the incorruptible integrity and the able administration of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. That from the day he assumed his purpose to restore the flag of our country to every post and fortress from which it has been driven, he has been the true representative of the Union sentiment of the nation.

Resolved, That the Administration, generally, deserves, as it has, the hearty approval of this Legislature and the people of Minnesota.

Resolved, That, as Slavery is the great obstacle to the restoration of peace, and the re-establishment of our once glorious Union, we sustain his emancipation policy as the sure and safe course by which, if persevered in, the country will be speedily rid of this great national evil, and having declared his determination to adhere rigidly to its provisions, we believe it of great importance to the welfare of the country, and to its future peace and prosperity, that there should be no change of Administration in the present Government, and that this policy is fully carried out, and until every foot of territory where her proud banner shall wave and claim dominion, it shall guarantee to every individual, however humble, entitled to its protection, the inalienable rights of personal liberty.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the amnesty proclamation, believing it the best plan proposed for re-establishing loyal government in the seceded States, and that by following its requirements the people of this State may speedily restore them to their proper position in the Union.

That for these reasons we recommend our honored President to the people of Minnesota, and the country for reelection to the office which he at present fills with such distinguished ability.

IN KANSAS:

By a large majority in either House, the present Legislature of Kansas has

Resolved, That we have the utmost confidence in the ability, integrity and patriotism of the President of the United States, and heartily endorse the great measures instituted and prosecuted by him, having for their object the suppression of the Rebellion, the perpetuation of the Union, and the triumph of freedom.

That we consider his proclamation of Jan. 1, 1863, as the potent instrument which in the hands of Providence will assuredly effect the regeneration of the Republic and secure its re-establishment upon the solid basis of Universal Freedom, and that his proclamation of Dec. 8, 1863, having in view the reorganization of the rebellious States, entitles him to the lasting gratitude and every loyal citizen of Kansas to the lasting gratitude of the people of this State.

That we urge the National Union Convention which is called to assemble at the City of Chicago on the 7th of July, to present to the country the name of our present Chief Magistrate as a candidate for reelection, in which event the people of Kansas will rally to his support with an enthusiasm that will defy opposition, and with an unanimity unparalleled in the history of the elective franchise.

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For these reasons the friends of Mr. Chase have determined on measures which shall present his claims fairly and at once to the country. A central organization has been effected, which already has its connections in all the States, and the object of which is to enable his friends everywhere most effectively to promote his elevation to the Presidency. We wish the hearty cooperation of all those in favor of the speedy restoration of the Union upon the basis of universal freedom, and who desire an administration of the Government during the first period of its new life which shall, to the fullest extent, develop the capacity of free institutions, enlarge the resources of the country, diminish the burdens of taxation, elevate the standard of public and private morality, vindicate the honor of the Republic before the world, and in all things make our American nationality the furthest example for imitation which human progress has ever achieved.

If these objects meet your approval, you can render efficient aid by exerting yourself at once to organize your section of the country, and by corresponding with the Chairman of the National Executive Committee, for the purpose either of receiving or imparting information.

Very respectfully, S. C. FORDYCE, Chairman National Executive Committee.

CITY ITEMS.

POLAND.—A Hall is announced for to-morrow evening at the City Assembly Rooms, for the benefit of Poland. Mayor Gunther heads the Committee, and a distinguished array of citizens lend it their countenance and support.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.—There was no quorum this Board at the calling of the roll on Monday afternoon, and the President declared the Board adjourned to Thursday next, at 12 o'clock p. m.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AND SUICIDE.—On Friday morning last the corpse of Frederick Heiler, a German, was discovered in a room at Clark's Hotel, No. 94 Chatham street. Under his pillow was found a revolver, a bottle of laudanum, and a small sum of money. For over a year past the deceased had resided with a German widow at No. 22 Stanton street, whom he had promised to marry as soon as he procured a divorce from his wife, the suit for which was then pending. A short time since she made the acquaintance of John Marx, residing at No. 49 Division street, and married him. Heiler, on last Wednesday evening, called on them and stated that he intended to elope, and proposed to Marx that he should purchase two bottles of wine, tendering him money for the purpose. Marx declined, and Heiler then procured them. Glasses were produced, and, unseen by Marx and wife, Heiler placed a quantity of arsenic in each. Marx poured more spirituous than each of the others. While drink Heiler became very excited, and drawing a revolver fired at Marx, the ball missing his head and lodging in the wall. He then fled. Marx attempted to pursue, but was detained by his wife. Mrs. Marx was unharmed by the effects of the arsenic, but recovered. Search was made for Heiler on the following day, but he was not discovered until Friday morning. He probably died on Wednesday night, having taken a room at the Hotel soon after leaving Marx's residence. The chambermaid rapped at his room on Thursday morning, but received no answer. The remains were conveyed to Heiler's Hospital. Coroner Ramey for some days past has been collecting evidence, and to-day will hold an inquest. Dr. Beach made a post-mortem examination of the deceased, and found that death was caused by poison. He was 40 years of age and an upholsterer.

WANTED TO KNOW. To the Editors: The N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: I perceive in the estimate attached to Inspector Bode's report of the probable expenses of his Department that he estimates for Alexander Wilder, Assistant Health-Warden Twenty-second Ward, \$1,000. Is this the same Alexander Wilder who is now at Albany as a newspaper correspondent? Or is it the Alexander Wilder who is Clerk of the Committee of Ways and Means in the Assembly? Or is it the Alexander Wilder who is Collector of Canal Tolls at New York, at a salary of about \$1,000 a year? Or does one man fill all these offices?

TAXPAYER. New York, Feb. 22, 1864.

DEPARTURE OF TROOPS.—Sixty-six men of the 4th New York Cavalry left their drill rendezvous at